

Submission
No 431

**INQUIRY INTO HEALTH OUTCOMES AND ACCESS TO
HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES IN RURAL,
REGIONAL AND REMOTE NEW SOUTH WALES**

Name: Mrs Carmel Trengove

Date Received: 9 January 2021

Dunedoo has extremely limited access to health services. Approximately 4 years ago at a Public meeting the CE of Western NSWLHD promised 24/7 Doctor coverage. This has not happened and services have further declined. Dunedoo MPS Advisory council do not appear to advocate for an increase in standard of services or care.

LHD needs to consider physical, mental, environmental and economical health of smaller communities when making decisions. Having to travel 100mks to access services means people access non health services to detriment of our local communities. Management needs to return to care of patients rather than being run as a corporate business.

Dunedoo has an aging population who can not access care outside of Dunedoo because of distance and health comorbidities.

Investigation of continual turnover of staff and staff shortages needs to occur in all small towns.